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REMARKS

Claims 14 and 16-31 of the application stand rejected. Claims 1-13 and 15 were previously canceled without prejudice and Claims 14, 21, 23, 25 and 26 have been amended herein to more clearly define the scope of the presently claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending Claims 14 and 16-31 in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 14 and 16-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,964,834 ("Crutcher"). The Examiner submits that Crutcher teaches each element of Claims 14 and 16-31. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection.

Crutcher teaches a method and system for sharing data in a computer network having multiple processors enrolled therein (Crutcher, Abstract). As described in Crutcher, a local clipboard memory is initially associated with each processor enrolled in the computer network, and a data object from an application within a processor enrolled in a computer network is thereafter transferred to the clipboard memory associated with that processor, in response to user input. The data object is thereafter automatically transferred to some or all clipboard memories of the other processors enrolled in the computer network. (Crutcher, Abstract). The Examiner submits that this teaches all the elements of the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertion.

Specifically, the claimed invention includes a clipboard in a unified memory. As described in the specification, the unified memory essentially serves as a central repository, accessible by various computer systems. Each computer system may transfer data to and from the central unified memory and the process is managed by a software service and/or the operating systems of each computer system (Specification, Page 6, lines 1-7). Thus, as claimed, upon accepting a first user command, data is transferred from a first computer system to the clipboard, and then, upon accepting a second user command, the data in the clipboard may be transferred to a second computer system.

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These claimed features are in direct contrast to the system described in Crutcher wherein "a local memory is initially associated with each processor" and "the data object is thereafter automatically transferred to some or all clipboard memories of the other processors..." Crutcher thus clearly contemplates each computer system having a processor with a local memory, each containing a clipboard. The system in Crutcher essentially suggests that data from one clipboard in local memory be replicated across other clipboards in local memory of some or all the processors "enrolled" in the computer network. This system does NOT disclose various elements of the claimed invention, such as a unified memory containing a clipboard. Applicant therefore respectfully reiterates that since Crutcher does not disclose at least this element, Crutcher therefore does not anticipate Claims 14, 18-26 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this rejection to the claims.

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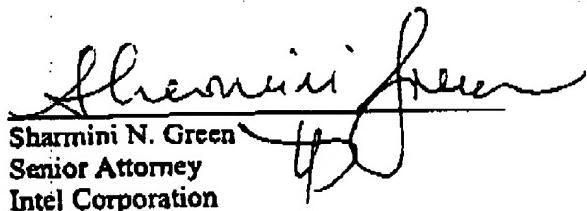
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that pending Claims 14 and 16 – 31 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

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Respectfully submitted,

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